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For: SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL
MEMBER HAVING HARD COATING LAYER
EXHIBITING SUPERIOR WEAR
RESISTANCE DURING HIGH SPEED
CUTTING OPERATION AND METHOD FOR
FORMING HARD COATING LAYER ON
SURFACE OF CUTTING TOOL (AS
AMENDED)

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.